

# The New Direction Congress:

## Making America Safer



### Energy Security And Reducing Global Warming

A major shift in our nation's energy policy has begun. Energy Security is a strong bipartisan effort. The House of Representatives passed an initiative that makes the largest investment in homegrown biofuels in American history, repeals billions of dollars in unnecessary taxpayer subsidies to Big Oil earning record profits, and requires that 15 percent of our electricity come from renewable sources. The initiative:

- ★ Reduces the dependence on foreign oil that threatens our national security;
- ★ Creates good new jobs that are home-grown and American-owned, fueled by farms across the country and American innovation, and including a Green Jobs initiative to train a quality workforce in new energy technologies;
- ★ Lowers energy costs for consumers by more than \$300 billion through 2030, with landmark efficiency reforms for homes, appliances, and industry;
- ★ Creates tax incentives for Hybrids, not Hummers;
- ★ Reduces by 2030, dangerous heat-trapping gases by an estimated 40 percent of what is needed to save the planet; requiring the federal government to be carbon-neutral by 2050, and the Capitol to be carbon-neutral by the end of 2008; and
- ★ Makes the U.S. a leader on a binding global warming agreement, with commitments from all the major emitters.